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920 Valencia St.,

San Francisco,

May 3 1899.

Dear Mrs. Birdsell.

Your Linnie, telling bunch of
bloom is here, & how gladly I would seek
the fields when it came you must know. But
Alack! work, work, work, holds me here.
How beautiful the fields, & plains, & fence corners,
about Chico must be. I have been hoping all
through the winter that I should be with you
in bloom-time for at least a week. now
summer is coming on, & my chances to see Chico
this year seem to be growing less. I may probably
go into the Sierra above Yosemite for a month, &
then up the Coast to study the glacial phenomena.
The Sunday School people from the east want me to
lecture for them; but this is a business that I know little
about. Am hard at work with my pen. Have not had
a single excursion this winter. How have your flora studies
prospered? With thanks for the bloom, I am cordially Yrs John Mearns